

The regularly scheduled **Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting** was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on September 30, 2022 at 3:20 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Chuck Hoskin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. The Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to Oklahoma Flag was led by Michalyn Copedge and Preston Coppedge with BSA Troop 1875.
2. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None.
3. Recognition of visitors.

No cards or emails were submitted.

4. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes from the September 20, 2022 VUA Meeting.

B. VUA September 2022 Bills Payable.

Motion by Haire, seconded by Swift, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed

5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to modify the VUA WWTP/WTP Reserve Account Budget line item from "Inspect Intake tower" to read "Upgrade Intake Tower" in the same amount of \$50,000.

The inspection was completed and the remaining funds can be used for the repairs and upgrades.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Tyler, to approve to modify the VUA WWTP/WTP Reserve Account Budget line item from "Inspect Intake tower" to read "Upgrade Intake Tower" in the same amount of \$50,000. Motion: Passed

6. Discussion, consideration, and possible action Resolution 2022-3792; Craig County Water Regionalization Project in conjunction with Cherokee Nation, Grand Gateway EDA, Communities Unlimited, and other stakeholders hereinafter referred to as Craig County Water Regionalization Project (CCWRP)

This will allow GGED and Cherokee Nation and partners the opportunity to perform a feasibility study for the VUA.

Motion by Lankford, seconded by Tyler, to approve Consent Agenda. Motion: Passed

7. VUA Superintendent Report.

Electronic report was submitted. Report of a water leak on the main 12" line tonight.

8. New Business.

None.

9. Adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Haire, to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, Secretary




Chuck Hoskin, Chairman

The regularly scheduled **Vinita City Council Meeting** was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 immediately following the Vinita Utilities Authority (VUA) Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Meeting Room, 104 East Illinois, Vinita, Oklahoma. Public notice of the meeting was given by posting the agenda at City Hall on September 30, 2022 at 3:20 p.m.

Legal Counsel: Leonard Logan

Mayor Chuck Hoskin called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call. Members attending: Kevin Wofford, Roger Tyler, John Swift, Stephanie Hoskin, Dale Haire, Danny Lankford, Skip Briley, Terry Young. Absent: None.

Motion by Young, seconded by Swift, to approve roll call from VUA Meeting. Motion: Passed.

2. Recognition of visitors.

Lynette Lofgren gave a follow up report on school zone safety.

3. Consideration to approve Consent Agenda:

A. Actions taken during the VUA meeting.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve only Item A; actions taken during the VUA meeting. Motion: Passed.

B. Minutes from the September 20, 2022, City Council meeting.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Swift, to approve to amend the September 20, 2022 minutes in reports section. Mayor Hoskin report to include the words "Invest In Vinita." Motion: Passed.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Haire, to approve minutes from the September 20, 2022, City Council meeting as amended. Motion: Passed.

4. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3791.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve Finance Ordinance 3791. Motion: Passed.

5. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Finance Ordinance 3791 Emergency Clause.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve Finance Ordinance 3791 Emergency Clause. Motion: Passed.

6. Discussion, consideration and possible action on Resolution 2022-3793; Budget Amendment No 22-23-1; Parks and Recreation Donation Fund.

Cherokee Nation donated \$48,350.00 for playground equipment in South Park. With this resolution it will allow the city to modify the budget to add the funds to the General Fund.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve Resolution 2022-3793; Budget Amendment No 22-23-1; Parks and Recreation Donation Fund. Motion: Passed.

7. Discussion, consideration and possible action on possible nuisance violations:

A. 1415 W Canadian (Wesley Gene McComb)

This property report shows multiple complaints from high grass, trash and dilapidated structure.

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Haire, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate and to include demolition of structure. Motion: Passed.

B. 324 S Fourth (unknown heirs, successors, and assigns of JD Baldrige and Minnie Baldrige, deceased; and Rhonda Downing and other unknown occupants of the premises.

This property report shows multiple complaints from high grass, trash and dilapidated structure. This property has been given multiple extensions with no progress being made. Rhonda Downing reported that she has tried to fix certain problems but does not have the funds to complete repairs in a timely manner. She stated that she has not had water, sewer, or trash service in over a year and has been using the local park for these services. The property deed does not list her at this time while she states she is awaiting the reading of the will from the deceased owner. There is a concern for health conditions with no running water, sewer or trash services.

Mayor Hoskin requested a roll vote for this motion and second.

Motion by Young, seconded by Tyler, to approve to declare the property to constitute a public nuisance and authorize the Mayor to abate and to include demolition of structure. Aye votes: Wofford, Swift, Hoskin, Haire, Young. Nay votes: Tyler, Lankford, Briley. Motion Passed (5-3)

8. Discussion, consideration and possible action for road closure of 100 Block of S Smith in support of Treat in the Street October 31, 2022 4:30-7:30 pm.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Briley, to approve road closure of 100 Block of S Smith in support of Treat in the Street October 31, 2022 4:30-7:30 pm Motion: Passed.

9. Discussion, consideration and possible action on bid for Library Renovation Project.

This bid has been advertised two separate times. This last bid came in at \$1,266,000.00 which the project will be funded by the GGED for ADA Compliance. The City has funds to match this CDBG grant. The choices are to withdrawal the project with a chance to rebid in 2023. Or move forward as our own contractor. The timeline is still in place for completion and if date is missed the City would be responsible for 100% of cost.

Motion by Hoskin, seconded by Haire to approve to reject the bid with a letter from Mayor Hoskin to voluntarily deobligate our grant and apply next year. Motion: Passed.

Councilor John Swift left the meeting 6:12 pm

10. Discussion, consideration and possible action on:

A. Holiday schedule for 2023.

11 Days of Holidays

Motion by Wofford, seconded by Haire, to approve Holiday schedule for 2023. Motion: Passed.

B. Meeting schedules for 2023: City Council, Planning Commission, Regional Planning Commission, and Library Board.

Motion by Briley, seconded by Hoskin, to approve Meeting schedules for 2023: City Council, Planning Commission, Regional Planning Commission, and Library Board. Motion: Passed.

11. Department Reports:

City Administrator Allen Goforth reported that they continuing to work on the water leak at this time.

Cemetery/Parks/Street Departments James Tracy reported the asphalt projects just completed on South Smith, Senior Citizens, Basketball and Skate area was paved. This was in conjunction with Craig County who provided drivers and trucks to haul asphalt.

Police Chief looking at purchase a 64 camera w antennas to help monitor city properties. Also had a meeting with the VPS and plan of action to paint and strip Smith street while kids are on Fall break to help with traffic control.

Fire Chief Huxtable hose testing is complete and now moving on to hydrant testing.

Economic & Community Development Coordinator Mist Deffenbaugh reported the number for poker run to help raise funds for the Veterans Rock was around \$3,600.00 Fall Festival had around 25 vendors and lots of visitors.

City Clerk Brian Prince reported he will be attending the OMCTFOA Conference next week. Looking into social media archive and complimented the office staff in City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Chuck Hoskin shared a photo of the employees fixing the water leak and thanked not only them but all employees that work for the City of Vinita. Also Hoskin gave an update on the employee recognition party thank local businesses for the door prizes. Leonard Logan provided the food cooked by Allen and Leonard. The Invest in Vinita Civic Improvement Plan is in full force. An update from the Cherokee Nation not only donating the \$48,350.00 but also pledged by MOA \$510,000.00 if council approves next council meeting for the building of three restroom facilities. This will include North Park, Attucks Park, and Vinita Lake Park. Monday October 3, 2022 the Cherokee Nation Anna Mitchell Cultural & Welcome Center officially opened. This can be the Gateway to Vinita Worldwide.

There will be a homecoming pep assembly Thursday night at 6:00 pm.

AllState Insurance Tammy Roach will be opening with a Vinita Chamber Ribbon Cutting on North Wilson and congratulated her for being a business owner in Vinita. There is a Birthday celebration Sunday October 9, 2022 for 75 years of Unity at the Pilgrim Presbyterian Church.

12. New Business.

None.

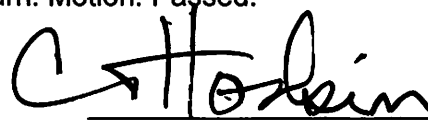
13. Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Motion by Young, seconded by Tyler to adjourn. Motion: Passed.

ATTEST:


Brian Prince, City Clerk




Chuck Hoskin, Mayor